

SB227 is a horrible Bill that you would even consider coming into peoples home to raid their personal property.

You would make it a felony to own any object containing any elephant ivory. 2 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for owning a piano with ivory keys, an antique cane with an ivory handle, or a shotgun with an ivory sight bead.

This is the latest iteration of so-called "Cecil Laws" that ban "Big 5 African Species." While these bills aren't even consistent about which 5 species they cover, so far they all include elephants, lions and rhinos.

This bill is particularly bad because it goes beyond trade to criminalize possession of any specimen from any named species. The only exception for private owners is if you (1) own a specimen in the state before the law was passed AND (2) get a "certificate of possession" from Connecticut's Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection. Even if you get the certificate, you cannot sell or trade any covered item. No exceptions for people who come to Connecticut after the law is passed. No exceptions for people who bring ivory or other covered items into the state.

You would make a transient military population with undo hardship if they would be transferred to an from you state.

I am opposed to the passing of SB227 and to the search and seizure of any personal property.

Sincerely
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